

Strafford Energy Committee – Minutes from Tuesday May 20, 7:30 pm, Upstairs
Town Clerks.

In attendance: Ken Alton, Gus Speth, Barbara Smith, Dori Wolfe
And Janet Cavanagh

- 1) Minutes from 04/22 meeting were approved.
- 2) Ken has investigated pricing for installing plexiglass for 10 windows in the town clerks office. Also he will pursue finding out about the work planned in order to insulate the north and east where there is air infiltration from the vault. The \$10,000 prize from the Orange County Vermont Home Energy Challenge needs to be approved and spent by November.
- 3) Community Apple Orchard – Barbara and Wally will develop a plan and brochure to better describe the Edible pocket park. The plans will be to grow a variety of tree and shrub fruits, including Hazelberts and Heart nuts. Jim Masland said there were no restrictions on the type of recreation for the proposed location near the soccer field.
- 4) Solarize Strafford is going well, with 3 installations complete, 139 inquiries and 70 site visits for the Solarize initiative from Vital Communities. Ends June 30th and it is expected that the pricing will reach the 5th tier, which is least expensive.
- 5) Dori has submitted a proposal for \$37,000 from the Clean Energy Development fund for the School/Town municipal array on Rod Maclay's property on the slope between the Strafford Saddlery and Route 132. The total cost is \$67,000.00.
- 6) Dori gave an update from the Energy Roundtable. Other Energy committees are looking at landfill as excellent places to establish solar. Heat pumps are being recommended to be used in conjunction with solar energy in residential retrofits and new construction. GMP may lease heat pumps. Geothermal is also being pursued to replace fossil fuel heating.
- 7) Energy Corner – Dori to write the June Energy corner, re news form the Solarize initiative.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Cavanagh, Recording secretary